

IN THE CLAIMS:

1 1. (Cancelled)

1 2. (Currently amended) A computer-implemented method of transmitting stream-  
2 ing data, the method comprising:

3 streaming a video comprising previously-stored first video data and second  
4 video data from data storage to a user, and

5 receiving a request to fast-forward the video and detecting an attempt to bypass  
6 the second video data and, notwithstanding the request, streaming the second video data  
7 to the user;

8 wherein the first video data is stored on a first member of the data storage and the  
9 second video data is stored on a second member of the data storage, the user being en-  
10 abled allowed to fast-forward any video data stored on the first member and disabled  
11 from fast-forwarding but not being allowed to fast-forward any video data stored on  
12 the second member, to transmit the any video data stored on the second member to the  
13 user with fast-forwarding disabled.

1 3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein the second video data in-  
2 cludes data representing an advertisement.

1 4. (Previously Presented) The method, of claim 2, wherein streaming includes com-  
2 pressing.

1 5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, further comprising:  
2 storing with the data for the video a pointer to a location of the second data on the  
3 data storage.

1 6. (Currently Amended) A video streaming system comprising:

2           a first portion of a virtual partition, the first portion containing previously-stored  
3    first video data,  
4           a second portion of the virtual partition, the second portion containing previously-  
5    stored second video data;  
6           a file system operable to access video data stored on the first and second portions  
7    of the virtual partition; and  
8           a module operable to read the video data from the first and second portions of the  
9    virtual partition, the file system being configured to access the video data from the first  
10   and second portions of the virtual partition through the module, the module being config-  
11   ured to refuse a request to fast-forward any video data stored on the second portion and  
12   being configured to detect an attempt by a user to bypass the second video data from the  
13   second portion of the virtual partition with a fast-forward request and, notwithstanding  
14   the request, to transmit route the second video data to the user.

1   7.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 6, wherein the second video data stored  
2   on the second portion of the virtual partition includes data representing an advertisement.

1   8.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 6, wherein the module is further operable  
2   to fast-forward the first video data from the first portion of the virtual partition in response to  
3   the fast-forward request.

1   9.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 6, the system further comprising:  
2        a compression unit operable to compress the data for the video.

1   10.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 6, wherein a pointer on the first portion  
2   of the virtual partition specifies a location of the data for the video that is stored on the sec-  
3   ond portion.

1   11.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 6, further comprising:  
2        a server operable to send, in response to a user request, a request to the file system

3 for the data stored on the first and second portions of the virtual partition, the file system be-  
4 ing operable to receive the request from the server and provide the data stored on the first and  
5 second portions of the virtual partition to the server.

1 12. (Cancelled)

1 13. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium storing a computer program  
2 product comprising instructions operable to cause a computer to perform operations comprising:  
3 streaming a video comprising previously-stored first video data and second video data  
4 from data storage to a user; and  
5 receiving a request to fast-forward the video and detecting an attempt to bypass the sec-  
6 ond video data and, notwithstanding the request, streaming the second video data to the user;  
7 wherein the first video data is stored on a first member of the data storage and the second  
8 video data is stored on a second member of the data storage, the user being enabled allowed to  
9 fast-forward any video data stored on the first member and disabled from fast-forwarding  
10 ~~but not being allowed to fast forward~~ any video data stored on the second member, to trans-  
11 mit the any video data stored on the second member to the user with fast-forwarding dis-  
12 abled.

1 14. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 13, wherein the  
2 second video data includes data representing an advertisement.

1 15. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 13, wherein  
2 streaming includes compressing.

1 16. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 13, further com-  
2 prising instructions for:  
3 storing with the data for the second video a pointer to a location of the second  
4 data on the data storage.

1 17. (Cancelled)

1 18. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 13, wherein  
2 the first video data and the second video data represent different source video.

1 19. (Cancelled)

1 20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein the first video data and the  
2 second video data represent different source video.